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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: THOUGHTS OF JANOS BEREZ

REF: STATE 134683

1. PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST (PARA 15 REFTTEL),  
WE OFFER FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON BEREZ'S REMARKS CONCERN-  
ING SOVIET UNION.

2. ON FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE USSR,  
WE FOUND BEREZ TO BE QUITE ORTHODOX. CLEARLY THE  
SOVIETS ARE SATISFIED WITH HUNGARIAN LOYALTY AND  
MOSCOW HAS RECENTLY GIVEN A PUBLIC (IF NOT WILDLY  
ENTHUSIASTIC) ENDORSEMENT TO THE NEM. BEREZ APPARANT-  
LY MENTIONED "DIFFERENCES...OVER FOREIGN POLICIES"  
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BETWEEN THE USSR AND HUNGARY. THESE DIFFERENCES,  
INSOFAR AS THEY EXIST, ARE KEPT VERY QUIET BY BOTH  
COUNTRIES. BEREZ, FURTHER DESCRIBED THE CHINESE  
SITUATION AS IT APPEARS FROM MOSCOW AND HE GAVE A  
RESPONSE ON MBFR CONSISTENT WITH SOVIET  
POSITION.

3. ON SOVIET LEADERSHIP, WE GENERALLY SHARE HIS VIEW THAT BREZHNEV'S POLICIES ARE LIKELY TO BE CONTINUED BY HIS SUCCESSORS. WE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD THAT DOLGIKH IS "THE MOST FLEXIBLE AND INTERESTING PARTY OFFICIAL." WE ASSUME THAT DOLGIKH WORKS CLOSELY WITH KIRILENKO, SO THIS ASSESSMENT OF THE FORMER MAY TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE LATTER. KATUSHOV OF COURSE NO LONGER HAS A POSITION IN THE PARTY APPARATUS. AFANASYEV MAY BE ONE OF THE MORE FLEXIBLE SENIOR OFFICIALS, BUT WE RECALL HEARING THAT HIS DAILY PRESS BRIEFINGS DURING THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS WERE INCREDIBLY DOGMATIC AND UNINFORMATIVE. MATLOCK

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